

# October Alliance Newsletter







# Alliance for Substance Abuse Prevention

## Mission:

To improve the lives of children, youth and adults by mobilizing communities to prevent and treat alcohol, tobacco and other drug misuse in the Eau Claire County

## Vision:

A community culture free from the misuse of alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs

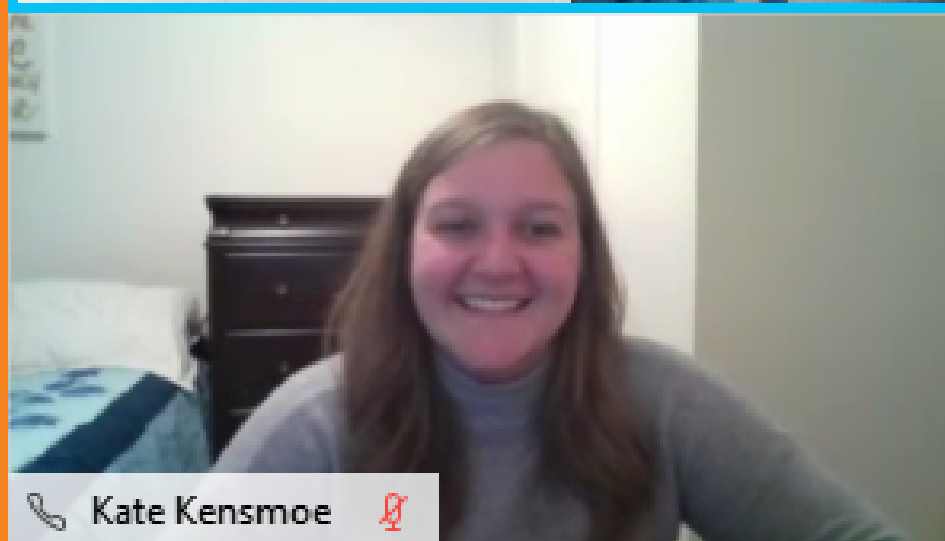
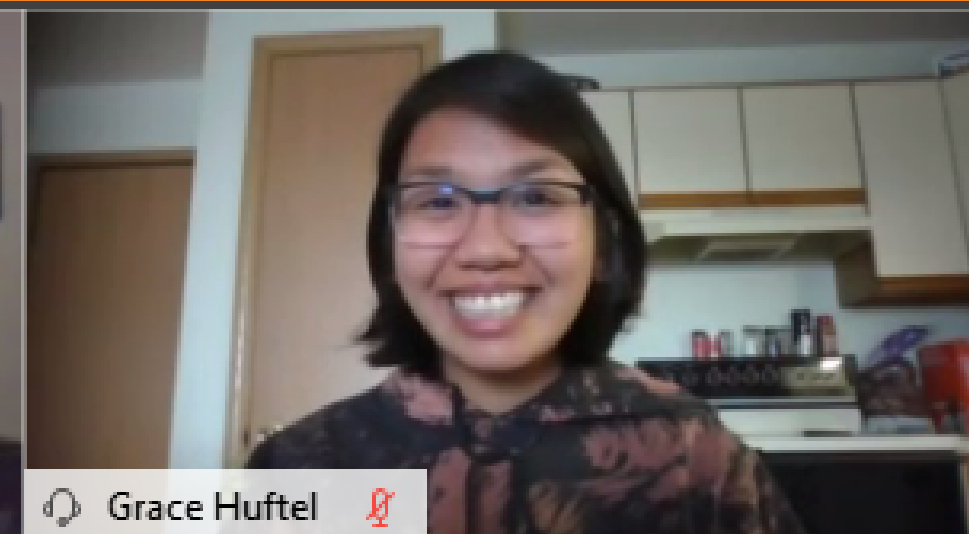


# Who is The Alliance?

The Alliance for Substance Abuse Prevention (Alliance) is an Eau Claire County community-based coalition

- Brings community volunteers and partner organizations together
- Helps coordinate and support county-wide efforts to prevent substance misuse
- Works toward our common goal of substance misuse prevention and treatment in the community

# Meet the Alliance Team at the Eau Claire City - County Health Department





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The Alliance Council is a group of community partners who work together to promote activism, policy change, and community involvement to prevent substance misuse

Members are from these community sectors:

- Business
- Civic/Volunteer Groups
- Healthcare
- Law Enforcement
- Media
- Parents
- Youth
- Youth-Serving Organizations
- Education
- Faith-Based Organizations
- State/Local Agencies
- And others!



**Bruce King**  
Alliance Chair



**Amanda Davis**  
Alliance School Liaison





# 3 New Grants

1

## Overdose Data to Action (OD2A)

OD2A aims to strengthen and enhance the capacity in Eau Claire County to prevent morbidity and mortality associated with opioid overdoses. One grant strategy is to strengthen local use of data to improve understanding of context, resources, and needs in the community. The second strategy is to empower individuals to make safer choices. This allows for increased awareness of the risk of prescription and illicit opioids as well as decreased initiation of opioid use and misuse.

Contact Sarah Dillivan-Pospisil for more information.



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## Tobacco Prevention Control Program (TPCP)

TPCP aims to decrease tobacco-related disparities by working with people most affected. In Eau Claire county, this includes young people experiencing poverty and youth who identify as LGBTQ+ and the organizations and agencies that work with these populations. TPCP also works with tobacco prevention initiatives like WI Wins, a program that keeps tobacco out of the hands of youth, and FACT, a youth-led group that spreads the truth about tobacco.

Contact Emily Carlson for more information.





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## Strategic Prevention Framework - Partnership for Success (PFS 2020)

PFS 2020, a five-year grant, will assist the Alliance in enhancing and expanding youth substance use prevention in the community. This grant focuses on prevention strategies to address underage drinking and marijuana and e-cigarettes (vapes) use. Initial projects include using data to target strategies to where they are most needed, and to continue and expand our work with the local Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD) chapters.

Contact Kate Kensmoe, Alison Harder, or Peggy O'Halloran for more information.





# Continuing Grants



## NARCAN Direct Program

The NARCAN Direct Program provides NARCAN, medication that reverses opioid overdose, at no cost to more than 60 community agencies in Wisconsin. Eau Claire county has been approved for 60 two-dose kits of NARCAN to be distributed in the community. The Health Department has two Certified Naloxone Trainers to train participating agencies how to recognize a potential opioid-related overdose and how to administer NARCAN Nasal Spray.



## 2

# Strategic Prevention Framework - Partnership for Success 2015 (PFS 2015)

PFS 2015 addresses prescription drug misuse among persons aged 12 to 25 in the Eau Claire County. This grant promotes the Dose of Reality Campaign and medication security, collection, and disposal. It also supports drug recognition expert training for law enforcement and drug identification training for educators. Lastly, the grant provides education for prescribers.

We have received an extension on our PFS-15 grant and are excited to continue to offer medication lockboxes, lock bags, and at-home medication deactivation pouches. Contact Sarah Dillivan-Pospisil for more information.



### 3

## Overdose Fatality Review

The Overdose Fatality Review focuses on the complex and changing nature of the drug overdose epidemic and highlights the need for an interdisciplinary, comprehensive, and cohesive public health approach. The purpose of the project includes sharing data between multi-disciplinary partners to better understand the context and circumstances surrounding overdose deaths. This assists the community to develop data-informed recommendations to prevent future fatal overdoses.



# Training Opportunity

Wisconsin Health Literacy (WHL)

Tuesday, November 10th at 8:00am

We are partnering with WHL to tailor their existing opioid program to our community. On Tuesday, November 10th at 8:00 am, WHL will hold a 1.5 hour review session of their program materials to get feedback. Their program focus areas include: history of opioids, prescription painkillers, safe storage and disposal of medication, use of naloxone, and signs of overdose. Your expertise and input about our community and resources related to opioids will be critical as we review their material.

# Next Alliance Meeting

**Tuesday, November 17, 2020**

**8:00 AM - 9:00 Am**

(UTC -06:00) Central Time (US &Canda)

**Meeting number: 145 258 7297**

**Meeting password: sgPpaJf7w22**

**Join by phone: +1-415-655-0001 US Toll**



# 4 Updates

## Indoor Smoking Ban

The Eau Claire City Council unanimously voted on August 11, 2020 to amend the smoke-free indoor air ordinance to include banning e-cigarettes and vaping. This was a collaborative effort by local health systems, community members, and businesses. Vaping has become an enormous concern in our community, Wisconsin, and across the nation due to increasing use by youth and related risks for significant health consequences as a result of vaping.

## The 2019 Eau Claire County Youth Behavior Survey (YRBS)

The YRBS is now linked on our website! The YRBS highlights areas where students are doing well and areas for concern related to youth health and wellness.

## ✓ Eau Claire County Drug Take Back

On October 26, 2020, the Eau Claire County Sheriff's Office was able to dispose of approximately 2500 lbs of unwanted, expired, and unused prescription medications.

## ✓ Medication PSA

Check out the our new Medication PSA on our Facebook page!





# Alliance Campaigns



**Look for updates on these campaigns throughout the year!**

# Follow And Share



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Your support can help ensure a better future for  
our communities.

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